

ABSTRACT

- 5 A DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a fragment of
the TAF_{II}105 polypeptide subunit of the general transcription factor TFIID, or a
modified fragment of the polypeptide. The fragment or modified fragment have a
dominant negative effect on the normal biological activity of the TAF_{II}105
polypeptide. Also disclosed are the polypeptide fragments, as well as pharmaceutical
10 compositions comprising the DNA molecule or the polypeptide fragment for
treatment of diseases related to the pathological occurrence of apoptosis.

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